

# GOOLSBY CLEANING

(BY JOHN GOOLSBY)

Well, it seems as if time flies. Anyway, I think so. Here we are again in the good old summer time; it seems only yesterday that Mr. Bennett gave us a Christmas message and I listened to those Christmas carols. Best of all those Yuletide checks!

When this "Echo" comes off the press we can start packing our baskets for another one of those wonderful treats, a REAL Fourth of July picnic, where every Ecusta employee and his family take part and everyone has a lot of fun. Yes, where a few Americans gather as one big happy family. Happy Americans? Yes! If any of you are in doubt, study that pleased expression on the faces of men, women, and children as they point and proudly say, "That's our boss."

Yes, another year has rolled by and it was in this month of Roses that I first saw light of day many, many moons ago. I didn't say how many, now. And yes, some of you brave fellows are back from the European theatre of operations; our prayers and hopes are that you all will soon return. For you boys in the Pacific, I will assure you we will miss you, but next year perhaps we can have a real glorious Fourth of July picnic together. I hope that if you decide to celebrate this year with fire works that some city or battleship of Japan is on the receiving end.

Here's a story told to me for the truth: A tourist was passing a cabin of a mountaineer up in Virginia and had the bad fortune to run over and kill this fellow's favorite dog. Right away he went to the man's house and explained to his wife what had happened and how sorry he was. The owner of the dog was out in the field so the motorist decided that he had better go out and explain to him the accident, too. The man's wife said, "Better break it to him easy like. First tell him it was one of the kids."

We are glad Walter Ashworth has returned from his annual check up, this time at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. That means he is fit as a fiddle for another year. I sure did get behind on my gossip while he was away. We missed you around the Mill Office, Ashworth.

Some years ago an old maid wrote to a telephone company that she was shocked by the language used loudly by workmen who were repairing the lines near her home. The foreman was asked to send in a report which came as follows: Me and Joe was on the job, I was upon the pole and happened to let some hot lead fall on Joe. It went down his neck and Joe said, "You really must be more careful, Bill."

Here is a little thought I would like to use: It is not the number of hours a man puts in but what a man puts in the hours.

Anon

## TELL HIM NOW

If with pleasure you are viewing  
Any work a man is doing,

If you like him or you love  
him, tell him now;

Don't withhold your approbation

Till the parson makes oration  
And he lies with snowy lilies  
o'er his brow,  
For no matter how you shout it  
He won't really care about it;  
He won't know how many tear-  
drops you have shed;  
If you think some praise is due  
him

Now's the time to slip it to him;  
For he cannot read his tomb-  
stone when he's dead.

More than fame and more than  
money

Is the comment kind and sunny,  
And the hearty, warm approval  
of a friend;

For it gives to life a savor,  
And it makes them strong and  
braver,

And it gives him heart and  
spirit to the end;

If he earns your praise, bestow it;  
If you like him, let him know it;

Let the words of true encourage-  
ment be said;

Do not wait till life is over  
And he's underneath the clover,

For he cannot read his tomb-  
stone when he's dead.

—Author Unknown

There was a lady who was determined to cure her husband of his evil ways and habitual drunkenness with the aid of a sheet, a flashlight, and a little make up. With this she transformed herself into what could pass as a ghost. While he was sleeping off a terrific bender, she went into his room and gave him a violent shaking. "What's that?" murmured her husband. "This is the devil," came the answer from the Mrs. "Shake hands," replied the drunk, "Your sister is in the living room, just go in and make yourself at home."

Hearts, like doors, open with  
ease to very, very, tiny keys.

And don't forget that two of  
these are, I thank you, and if you  
please.

Well, I suppose I will close here  
hoping to see every one of you  
at the picnic.

So long—

## N. L. R. B. HEARING

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engaged in an anti-union program, Examiner Denham noted that while all of the supervisory employees had been instructed to observe the Wagner Act, and to refrain from any acts of coercion, discrimination or interference with union activities, the companies had not taken the additional step of publicizing their neutrality to all the employees. This reason and the action on the part of certain supervisors were stressed by the Examiner as the basis for the recommendation that the companies post on the bulletin boards notices advising all employees of their rights under the law, and thus comply with the cease and desist section of the law relative to interfering with, restraining and coercing employees in their rights.

Charges that the companies had kept under surveillance the activities of their employees and the meetings and meeting places, threatening agents and representatives of the union with physical violence, physically assaulting union representatives, offering employees sums of money to resign from the union, discharging employees for union activities, and participating in the anti-union

## WHO'S WHO

—BY STAFF WRITERS—

A. P. LANCE



Good-natured, likable A. P. ("Doby") Lance, a full-fledged member of the Five-Year Club, became an Ecustan on August 15, 1939, first for two years of building the plant under Fiske-Carter, then as a beaterman on breaker beaters. He is now a successful and hardworking foreman in the Pulp Mill. A native of Transylvania County, "Doby" graduated from Brevard high school and college, and received honorable mention in sports news for western N. C. center in 1930. In "Doby's" off-time hours at his home in Brevard, he raises chickens and a garden, and plays with his children—two boys and two girls. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, and reading sports magazines.

newspaper campaign sponsored by the Transylvania Citizens' Committee were among the charges recommended for dismissal by the Examiner.

Mr. Denham dealt strictly with the union charges that the company police had spied on the employees who were interested in the union. He stated that "the entrance to union hall is near the Brevard . . . center for shopping and social activities and is regularly visited by employees who are not actual residents of Brevard. There is nothing unusual in finding foremen, guards, or other employees in the vicinity of the corner in question any evening." The said foremen and other supervisory employees cannot be denied the right to be in the town merely because some union organizational activity is going on. "The record does not disclose that what these men did was out of their ordinary course of conduct," he wrote.

In the William D. Brevard case, Examiner Denham held that he was dismissed for a just and proper cause of sleeping on the job and intimated that in his opinion Brevard's testimony was unworthy of belief, as he testified he did not know it was against the rule to sleep while on the job. "The record is devoid of any evidence that Brevard's membership in the union played any part in bringing about the decision to discharge him," the report stated.

In dealing with the allegation that Barnes and Williams had been assaulted by representatives of the Company, Mr. Denham stated that after the assault Barnes was approached by the chief of police

FRANK HUNNICUTT



This introduces FRANK HUNNICUTT, another 5-Year club member. Frank is a native of Macon county. He attended grammar and high school in Franklin. Frank farmed for several years between high school and his employment at Ecusta in Jan. 1940. He has had several jobs at Ecusta. His first job was that of a digester cook helper, then an operator, and he is now a bleachmaker in the Pulp Mill. Frank is married, has one child, a three-year-old daughter, and lives in Brevard. He likes to hunt and fish . . . when time permits!

and asked whether or not he desired to prefer charges against his assailant and that he declined to do so. Mr. Denham also observed that after the Williams assault, the identity of the assailants was never established nor any circumstances developed which might reasonably point to their identity or connection with the companies.

In regard to the anti-union newspaper campaign of the citizens' committee, Mr. Denham stated that "one is impressed with the fact that in the community and its neighboring communities there is a general antipathy among the residents and business persons to the organization of the employees of the neighboring plants into labor organizations under the "aegis of any of the large and well known national and international labor organizations."

Harry H. Straus, president of the three companies, stated this week that he considered the Examiner's decisions a great victory for the Company.

He stated that he had always instructed the supervisory employees to observe the law and that in the future this would continue to be the Company's policy.

He said further that while he felt it would have been possible to settle the case before the hearing by compromising some of the points involved, he had determined to fight the charges because he thought they were highly unfair and lacked any foundation or fact.

"The recommendation of the Trial Examiner only served to confirm my original belief," he declared.

Copies of the Examiner's opinion are being made and will be placed on file in the Company's library for reading by the employees, he said.—The Times.